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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: ISRAELI REQUEST FOR U.S. ASSURANCES CONCERNING
SALES OF F-15'S TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: TEL AVIV 6516

1. IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST, YOU MAY INFORM DAYAN THAT
SECRETARY BROWN'S LETTER OF MAY 9 TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE
SFRC AND HIRC CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ASSURANCES ON THE
POINTS DAYAN RAISED:

-- "THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT HAS SIMILARLY ASSURED US
THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER THE F-15 AIRCRAFT TO ANY THIRD
COUNTRY OR PERMIT THE NATIONALS OF SUCH COUNTRY TO TRAIN
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ON THE F-15 AIRCRAFT WITHOUT THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE
UNITED STATES."

-- "SAUDI ARABIA WILL BASE THE F-15 AIRCRAFT, NOT AT TABUK,
BUT AT DHAHRAN, TAIF AND POSSIBLY AT RIYADH OR KHAMIS
MUSHAIT."

-- "THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA HAS ASSURED US THAT IT HAS NO AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS AGAINST ANY STATE, THAT IT WILL USE THE F-15 AIRCRAFT ONLY IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS

LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE, AND THAT IT WILL NOT EMPLOY THE AIRCRAFT OFFENSIVELY."

2. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT THE UNITED STATES ACCEPTS THESE ASSURANCES AS A BINDING COMMITMENT. ON MAY 12 SAG FONMIN

SAUD AUTHORIZED US TO STATE THAT THE BROWN LETTER ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE POSITION OF THE SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE ROYAL SAUDI GOVERNMENT. YOU SHOULD ALSO GIVE DAYAN A COPY OF THE TEXT OF SECRETARY BROWN'S LETTER (STATE 124217).

3. WE HOPE THE FOREGOING WILL BE USEFUL TO DAYAN AND WE APPRECIATE HIS GOAL IS TO HELP DEFUSE DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT IN CABINET.

4. YOU TOOK JUST RIGHT TACK IN DEALING WITH MATTER. OBVIOUSLY, WE DO NOT INTEND TO ENGAGE IN LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELIS OVER ASSURANCES AND CERTAINLY SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE THEM TO BELIEVE WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ALTER NATURE OF ASSURANCES IN EXCHANGES WITH THEM.

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5. FOR JIDDA: WE HOPE GOI WILL NOT UTILIZE THIS EXCHANGE WHICH REFLECTS OUR UNDERSTANDINGS WITH SAG AND NO MORE, IN AN EFFORT TO EMBARRASS SAUDIS. SHOULD THEY DO SO, EMBASSY MAY CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF THIS EXCHANGE.
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